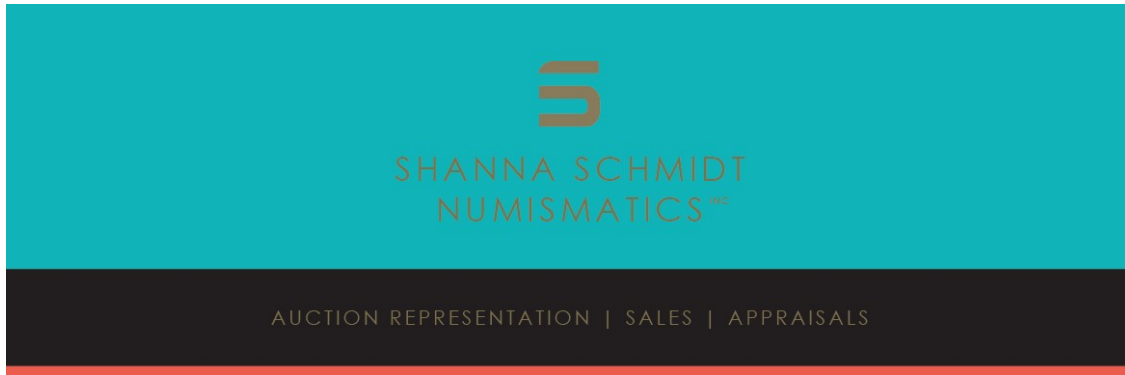


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#### Newsletter #84:

#### What's New at Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.

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Hello everyone! I hope the week was good. As of September 12, I am officially in business for two years. As I reflect on all that has happened, I'm thankful of the support I received from so many, customers and dealers alike. I feel blessed to work with so many of you who have supported me throughout the last two years.

Anyway, enough of the blubbering. Here is what is coming down the pipeline:

#### **Bertolami E-Live Auction 61 - Numismatic Literature (Sept 10)**

Bertolami has a very interesting sale of 917 numismatic literature lots. I love scouring these online auctions for books that I am missing in my library. I believe that understanding and exploring more about the history of coins is essential to collecting. With so many reference books available on the internet and people generally trying to lighten their load, it likely isn't the most popular thing to buy books. Unfortunately many numismatic books are either not available online or are out of print, making buying the book essential. I'm not sure if this is part of a collection or just from various consignors. You can view the lots on Sixbid or Numisbids. Please let me know if you need my help. I've put in bids for several books and can bid for you under my name if you'd like.

#### **Heritage Auction Session V - Internet Only Auction (Sept 10)**

If you feel like you were completely shut out at the Philadelphia ANA or the Long Beach auction then try your hand at the internet only sale on Sept 10. The Platinum nights and live auctions certainly bring attention which translates into more bidders, however there is also very nice material offered in the smaller and less glitzy sales. I urge you to take a look. I'm registered with Heritage so bidding is easy with me. Just let me know if you need help.

**CNG Mail Bid Sale 109 (Sept 12)**

CNG has their 109th MBS closing on Sept 12. There are 1,094 coins, primarily ancient and world lots with some U.S. coins and medals mixed in. This auction has a fair amount of coins from the new owner, Mike Gasvoda, as well as some high end rarities available. Mike was a collector first and while many of his coins sold in the NAC auctions held in Zurich, there is plenty that he still has to offer. There are some wonderful pedigreed pieces available and it is worth your time to check it out. For those interested in the Seleucid Empire, the MNL Collection is not to be missed. There are some hard to find types with strong pedigrees to match. Also available is a small group of counterfeiter dies that are being auctioned. Not something one normally gets an opportunity to buy, these 14 lots are very interesting. I am available and will be bidding in this auction so get in touch soon if you want my help.

**Paul-Francis Jacquier Auction 44 (Sept 13)**

Jacquier is holding his 44th auction on Sept 13. This auction has a lovely selection of coins at reasonable prices. Jacquier, known in the industry for being a bookseller, does periodic coin auctions. This one does not disappoint. In addition to the 262 numismatic literature lots, he is offering duplicates from the BCD library. For those of you not aware, the man BCD auctioned off his collection in several sales from the top numismatic firms. In addition to his collection, he also is known for his massive library which many a dealer and collector have been permitted access. This is the second time that Jacquier will offer duplicates from the BCD library. I'm planning to participate in the auction so please get in touch if you need representation.

**Rauch E-Live 28 Session I (Sept 13)**

HD Rauch, located in Vienna, have a 3-day electronic auction. The first session has ancient coins. There are several budget friendly options available in this auction. Might be worth to take a peek. I'm available to bid if help is needed.

**Fall European Auctions - NAC and Künker Catalogs**

I received the NAC and Künker catalogs this past week and have sent them out to few of you. All the auctions are available online but sometimes looking through the catalog is helpful for viewing. I'll be viewing on the following days. Please keep this in mind when sending me your lot wishes especially if you want me to write viewing notes for you.

**NAC viewing: Sept 21 and Sept 24 (morning of the auction)**

**Leu viewing (auction is in October): Sept 22**

**Nomos viewing (auction is in October): Sept 22**

**Hess viewing (auction in in December: Sept 22 or Sept 23)**

**NGSA and Palumbo (NGSA in Dec and Palumbo in Oct): tentatively Sept 23**

**Roma viewing: Sept 25**

**Künker viewing: Oct 2-4**

**Gorny & Mosch: Oct 13-14**

### **NAC Auction 110 and 111 (Sept 24)**

There are a few major collections being auctioned off at NAC in September. The first is the Jean L. Collection of Greek Coins. Many will notice coins that have pedigrees that go back to the early 1900's. Impressive and lovely pieces. Some may note that several have come from NAC auctions in the last 5-10 years. This phenomena occurs more often now where coins are coming quicker back to market. While I don't advocate to clients to sell their coins quickly I understand that everyone has reasons of their own for selling. I call this a second opportunity for customers to get coins that they liked but possibly lost. If you like pedigrees then you must look at this auction.

Catalog 111 are 250 coins from primarily two collections. The entire catalog is of only gold coins. One of the consignors is anonymous but the other is the now deceased but very well known academic and author Dr. Pierre Bastien. Dr. Bastien was first a surgeon but his hobby was an important part of his life. He became an expert on late Roman numismatics and his books are referenced quick frequently still, therefore, it is a real treat to see his coins come to auction.

### **Roma Auction 16 (Sept 26)**

Of note is a considerably large collection of Etruscan coins. I counted at least 90 of them at the beginning of the catalog. There are also some scarcely offered pieces such as a Naxos tetradrachm (lot 146) which is undoubtedly one of the highlights of the Greek series. I noticed 6 (yes 6!) bronzes of Cleopatra in the catalog as well. If you ever wanted a coin of Cleopatra I suppose now would be the time. The Roman section is just as impressive with many outstanding types in both gold, silver and bronze. I will be attending this auction and if you really read my newsletters then you will shoot me an email and wish me a happy birthday on the 26th as I'll be celebrating by buying my customers some nice coins! (yes, this is a test to see who really reads the newsletter).

### **Künker Auction Auction 312 - Ancients portion only (Oct 8)**

The festivities in Osnabrück actually begin on October 5 and end on the 12th, however the ancient portion will fall on October 8. My last trip to Osnabrück around this time last year was absolutely delightful. If you ever have a chance to visit the folks at Künker, do so! They really make you feel at home. This auction features two major collections, one of "Dr. W.R." and the Eberhard Link collection of Roman Aes Grave. There is a very large grouping of ancient Spanish coins and yet an even larger Celtic coin section. The catalog really has a lot to offer in terms of varied coinage and pedigree. It is worth to check out. I'll be viewing Künker from October 2-5 so please get me your bids prior to this.

### **Gorny & Mosch Auction 257 - Ancients portion only (Oct 15)**

G&M has a nice auction comprised of 1,036 coins. It has been awhile since I attended a G&M auction because of timing conflicts. I'm happy to be able to go out for this auction

as there seems to be some nice material on offer. There is a substantial Celtic section of 93 coins. The Greek section is varied but has some excellent offers on Sicilian coinage. The estimates for the auction are very reasonable and the quality high. I will be viewing G&M on the a few days prior to the auction so please keep that in mind when giving me bids to allow for sufficient viewing.

#### **Maison Palombo Geneve Auction 17 (Oct 20)**

This auction only has 117 ancient coins but they are not your ordinary offerings. Among the pieces are a few extreme rarities that collectors only dream. As I will be in Switzerland already I may try to coordinate a day trip to Geneva to view this auction. Anyone really interested in this auction please get in touch before Sept 21 so I can try to prioritize viewing this collection.

#### **Leu Numismatik (October 25)**

Leu will hold a live auction on October 25. I can't say yet what the contents of the auction will be but I am going to view the material when I am there in September. Please note that Leu will have their web auction 5 on September 23.

#### **Nomos (October)**

Nomos will hold their auction around the time of Leu in late October. Again, I am planning on viewing their material when I am in Zurich.

#### **Hess Divo (early December)**

I've been contacted by Ulf Künker that Hess Divo will coordinate their auction with NGSA Geneva in December. The catalogs are not yet available but I will view the collection and take viewing notes when I am in Switzerland.



### Coin of the Week

<https://www.shannaschmidt.com/roman-republic/m-serveili-mf-rome-c-136-bc>

**ROMAN REPUBLIC. M. Serveili M.F.. Rome, c. 136 BC**

AR Denarius, 4.15g (20mm, 7h). Helmeted head of Roma r., wearing necklace of pendants; behind, wreath and star; below, ROMA; border of dots / Dioscuri riding apart, with spears reversed; in exergue, C.SERVEILI.M.F.; border of dots

*Pedigree: Ex John Barton collection, purchased c. 1980*

*Price: \$1,900*

*Not much is known about this moneyer, although this is nothing really out of the ordinary. Collectors of Republican coins collect them for a variety of reasons but one compelling draw is the artistry of the coins. The departure of truly creative, beautiful types found in the Greek era to somewhat unvaried styles found on coins of the Roman Empire is not suggestive of Republican coinage. The transition from relatively anonymous moneyers to the coins struck by known emperors who used them for self promotion is stark. The imagery on Republican coins mirrors their Greek predecessors more so than their Roman imperial successors.*

*References: Crawford 239/1; Sydenham 525*

*Grade: Slightly off-center on obverse with lovely iridescent cabinet toning. Extremely sharp strike, particularly on the reverse. Lustrous surfaces. EF+*

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If you are interested in this coin please click the link above or email me at [shanna@shannaschmidt.com](mailto:shanna@shannaschmidt.com)

Until next week!  
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